This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a device with protection from weather events, comprising:

receiving a notification of a weather event;

determining at least one weather characteristic of the weather event;

ascertaining whether at least one device of a plurality of devices is susceptible to the determined weather characteristic; and

taking protective action to protect the at least one device susceptible to the determined weather characteristic from the notified weather event,

wherein ascertaining includes querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic,

wherein the plurality of devices includes devices of different susceptibilities.

2. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the notification is received from a weather monitoring device.

3. (Original) The method as described in claim 2, wherein the weather monitoring device includes a weather radio.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the weather characteristic of the weather event includes at least one of lightning, flooding, winds, precipitation ~~and~~ or temperature.

5. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a device with protection from weather events, comprising:

receiving a notification of a weather event;

determining at least one weather characteristic of the weather event;

ascertaining whether at least one device of a plurality of devices is susceptible to the determined weather characteristic; and

taking protective action to protect the at least one device susceptible to the determined weather characteristic from the notified weather event,

wherein ascertaining includes querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic.

6. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein protective action includes at least one of, disconnecting the device from an external connection, shutting down the device, saving data on the device, dampening an antenna turning off a water supply and turning off of a gas supply.

7. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the notification of the weather event includes an indication of a geographic region for the weather event.

8. (Original) The method as described in claim 7, wherein the indication includes at least one of data identifying current location of the weather event and data indicating a location to which the weather event may threaten.

9. (Original) The method as described in claim 7, wherein the geographic region is identified based on at least one of county and zip code.

10. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, further comprising:

determining an approaching weather event, the determination made by a local weather monitoring device, the local weather monitoring device monitoring weather conditions in a corresponding region to the device; and

accessing a weather data provider in response to the determined impending weather event, the weather data provider suitable for providing a notification of a weather event.

11. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein a weather event is approaching, taking an initial protective action of at least one device of the plurality of devices.

12. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a device with protection from weather events, comprising:

receiving a notification of a weather event, the notification including an indication of a geographic region for the weather event, the indication including at least one of data identifying a current location of the weather event and data indicating a location to which the weather event may threaten;

determining at least one weather characteristic of the weather event;

ascertaining whether at least one device of a plurality of devices is susceptible to the determined weather characteristic; and

taking protective action to protect the at least one device susceptible to the determined weather characteristic from the weather event,

wherein ascertaining includes querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic,

wherein the plurality of devices includes devices of different susceptibilities.

13. (Original) The method as described in claim 12, wherein the notification is received from a weather monitoring device.

14. (Original) The method as described in claim 13, wherein the weather monitoring device includes a weather radio.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 12, wherein the weather characteristic of the weather event includes at least one of lightning, flooding, winds, precipitation ~~and~~ or temperature.

16. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a device with protection from weather events, comprising:

receiving a notification of a weather event, the notification including an indication of a geographic region for the weather event, the indication including at least one of data identifying a current location of the weather event and data indicating a location to which the weather event may threaten;

determining at least one weather characteristic of the weather event;

ascertaining whether at least one device of a plurality of devices is susceptible to the determined weather characteristic; and

taking protective action to protect the at least one device susceptible to the determined weather characteristic from the weather event,

wherein ascertaining includes querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic.

17. (Original) The method as described in claim 12, wherein protective action includes at least one of, disconnecting the device from an external connection, shutting down the device, saving data on the device, dampening an antenna, turning off a water supply and turning off a gas supply.

18. (Original) The method as described in claim 12, wherein the geographic region is identified based on at least one of county and zip code.

19. (Original) The method as described in claim 12, further comprising:

determining an approaching weather event, the determination made by a local weather monitoring device, the local weather monitoring device monitoring weather conditions in a corresponding region to the device; and

accessing a weather data provider in response to the determined impending weather event, the weather data provider suitable for providing a notification of a weather event.

20. (Original) The method as described in claim 12, wherein a weather event is approaching, taking an initial protective action of at least one device of the plurality of devices.

21. (Previously Presented) A system for protecting devices from weather events, comprising:

a plurality of devices communicatively coupled over a network; and

a weather warning detection device communicatively coupled over the network to the plurality of devices, wherein when the weather warning detection device receives a notification of a weather event, the weather warning detection device determines at least one weather characteristic of the weather event and ascertains whether at least one device of the plurality of devices is susceptible to the determined weather characteristic by querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the plurality of devices to the at least one

weather characteristic and takes protective action to protect the at least one device susceptible to the determined weather characteristic from the notified weather event,

wherein the plurality of devices includes devices of different susceptibilities.

22. (Original) The system as described in claim 21, wherein the notification is received from at least one of a weather detector included with the weather warning detection device; and a website.

23. (Original) The system as described in claim 21, wherein the weather warning detection device takes protective action to protect the at least one device susceptible to the determined weather characteristic from the notified weather event and does not take protective action to protect the at least one device of the plurality of devices which is ascertained as not susceptible to the determined weather characteristic from the notified weather event.

24. (Currently Amended) The system as described in claim 21, wherein the weather characteristic of the weather event includes at least one of lightning, flooding, winds, precipitation ~~and~~ or temperature.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Original) The system as described in claim 21, wherein protective action

includes at least one of, disconnecting the device from an external connection, shutting down the device, saving data on the device, dampening an antenna, turning off a water supply and turning off a gas supply.

27. (Original) The system as described in claim 21, wherein the notification of the weather event includes an indication of a geographic region for the weather event.

28. (Original) The system as described in claim 27, wherein the indication includes at least one of data identifying current location of the weather event and data indicating a location to which the weather event may threaten.

29. (Original) The system as described in claim 27, wherein the geographic region is identified based on at least one of county and zip code.

30. (Original) The system as described in claim 21, further comprising:

determining an approaching weather event, the determination made by a local weather monitoring device, the local weather monitoring device monitoring weather conditions in a corresponding region to the device; and

accessing a weather data provider in response to the determined impending weather event, the weather data provider suitable for providing a notification of a weather event.

31. (Original) The system as described in claim 21, wherein a weather event is approaching, taking an initial protective action of at least one device of the plurality of devices.

32. (Previously Presented) A system for configuring a device for protection from weather events, comprising:

means for receiving a notification of a weather event;

means for determining at least one weather characteristic of the weather event from the notification obtained from the receiving means;

means for ascertaining whether at least one device of a plurality of devices is susceptible to the weather characteristic as determined from the determining means; and

means for taking protective action to protect the at least one device susceptible to the determined weather characteristic of the notified weather event,

wherein ascertaining includes querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the device to a weather characteristic,

wherein the plurality of devices includes devices of different susceptibilities.

33. (Previously Presented) A system for configuring a device for protection from weather events, comprising:

an information handling system;

a weather radio for monitoring the weather, the weather radio having an antenna, the weather radio being communicatively coupled to the information handling system; and

a receiver communicatively coupled to the weather radio, wherein the receiver controls at least one electronic device,

wherein when the weather radio receives a notification of a weather event, a weather warning device determines at least one weather characteristic of the weather event and ascertains susceptibility of the at least one electronic device to a weather characteristic by querying a database of devices, the database including an indication of susceptibility of the at least one electronic devices to the at least one weather characteristic and takes any protective action determined to be needed for the information handling system, the receiver, and the at least one electronic device to the determined weather characteristic and takes protective action to protect those devices susceptible to the determined weather characteristic from the notified weather event.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 33, wherein the weather radio is communicatively coupled to a weather site through Internet.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 34, wherein the at least one electronic device includes at least two of the group consisting of a digital versatile disk

(DVD) player, a game console, and a radio.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 35, wherein the information handling system is connected to a telephone network through a modem.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 33, wherein the plurality of devices includes devices of different susceptibilities.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 33, wherein the information handling system is a digital information appliance.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 33, wherein the information handling system is a personal digital assistant.

40. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 33, wherein the information handling system is an Internet appliance.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 33, wherein the information handling system is a convergence device.

42. (Previously Presented) The system as described in claim 21, wherein protective action includes at least one of dampening an antenna, turning off a water supply and turning off a gas supply.

43. (Previously Presented) The system as described in claim 21, wherein protective action includes dampening an antenna and at least one of disconnecting the device from an external connection, shutting down the device, saving data on the device, turning off a water supply and turning off a gas supply.

44. (Previously Presented) The system as described in claim 21, wherein protective action includes at least two of disconnecting the device from an external connection, shutting down the device, saving data on the device, dampening an antenna, turning off a water supply and turning off a gas supply.

45. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein ascertaining includes receiving the indication of susceptibility.

46. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 12, wherein ascertaining includes receiving the indication of susceptibility.

47. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the database includes an indication that a first device is not susceptible to weather characteristics, and wherein the protective action taken comprises no action.

48. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the protective action taken is disconnecting the device from an external connection.

49. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the protective action taken is shutting down the device.

50. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the protective action taken is saving data on the device.

51. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the protective action taken is dampening an antenna.

52. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the protective action taken is turning off a water supply.

53. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the protective action taken is turning off of a gas supply.

54. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the database of devices includes an indication that a first device is susceptible to a first weather characteristic, and includes an indication that a second device is susceptible to a second weather characteristic, and the first weather characteristic and the second weather characteristic are different weather characteristics.

55. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the database includes an indication that a first device is susceptible to lightning, and wherein the database includes an indication that a corresponding protective action is disconnecting the device from at least one of an external power connection or an external communication connection.

56. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the database includes an indication that a first device is susceptible to flood, and wherein the database includes an indication that a corresponding protective action is disconnecting the device from an external power connection.

57. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the database includes an indication that a first device is susceptible to flood, and wherein the database includes an indication that a corresponding protective action is shutting off gas.